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SUBJECT: **SENTINEL CONTRACT FOR AN ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM (EMP) – DECEMBER 2013 COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT**

On November 26, 2013, the Board approved, as amended on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, the Probation Department's recommendation to sign a contract (Contract #78074) with Sentinel Offender Services, LLC (Sentinel), to provide an Adult Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) for low to high-risk offenders and/or adult probationers as an alternative to incarceration, detention, or court sanction. The Board directed the Chief Probation Officer to:

1. Provide monthly contract compliance reports of this Sentinel contract;
2. Seek Board authorization prior to exercising the option to extend this contract at the end of the one-year base term;
3. Conduct a thorough audit of the three existing contracts for electronic monitoring and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) services;
4. Review the terms and conditions of each of the three contracts with Sentinel, with varying terms and expiration dates, and provide recommendations that streamline and improve the delivery of these contracted services; and
5. Report back in 90 days on the audit of the contracts and recommendations that streamline and improve the delivery of these contracted services.

### **Overview**

This report provides the initial monthly compliance status report that includes the current EMP status reflecting the number of active participants, current review results, and our plan to conduct additional reviews by January 22, 2014.

### **Current Program Status – Number of Active Participants**

The current status of the EMP reflects that as of December 17, 2013, there were 113 active participants, of which:

- 78 (69%) were referred by the court;
- 35 (31%) were referred by the Sheriff's Department. (One participant is remaining from the 2011 AB 109/N3 Males Pilot Project and is included in these referrals.)

### **Current Review Results**

During the months of January 2013, March 2013, April 2013, and September 2013, the Department conducted random case file reviews of 60 cases at Sentinel's Branch Offices. Based on case notes in these files, the review confirmed that the participants were being monitored at the appropriate level and the documentation indicated that the equipment was functioning properly. Overall, the result of these reviews supported satisfactory performance.

### **Review Plan**

By January 22, 2014, we plan to complete the reviews identified below, with the results to be included in the next monthly report which will be submitted to your Board by January 27, 2014.

- **A review of all active case files at each vendor site** – the Department will employ a standardized case file evaluation form.
- **A further assessment of equipment functionality for all participants** – this will involve a review of issues with batteries and/or unit functioning.
- **A review of all participant complaints that have occurred since this current review** – during the course of the random phone checks as specified below, participants will be asked if they have any complaints with the program.
- **Implementation of periodic random phone contact reviews** – this process involves phone calls to the participant's residence at various times of the day or night to ensure that the participant is in fact at the location that is being reported by the EM system.

- **A review of all abscond and non-compliance reports** – this process involves a performance review of participant compliance and timely adherence to reporting guidelines.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information, or your staff may contact Reaver Bingham, Deputy Chief, Field Services, at (562) 940-2513.

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